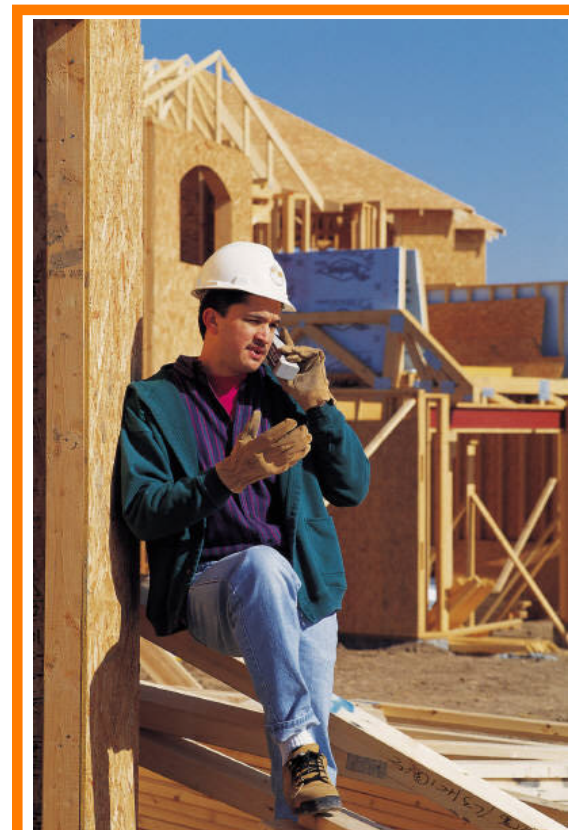


| Occupational Title                          | Employment |       | Total Openings | Median Wage |
|---|------------|-------|----------------|-------------|
|   | 2000       | 2010  |                |             |
| Carpenters                                  | 2,592      | 2,888 | 734            | \$17.69     |
| Construction Laborers                       | 1,875      | 2,345 | 642            | \$15.54     |
| Electricians                                | 1,097      | 1,284 | 392            | \$21.50     |
| Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters     | 1,289      | 1,465 | 388            | \$20.08     |
| Mgrs. of Construction & Extraction Workers  | 988        | 1,145 | 382            | \$25.09     |
| Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters          | 416        | 487   | 203            | \$14.10     |
| Painters, Construction and Maintenance      | 638        | 707   | 181            | \$14.74     |
| Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer    | 391        | 508   | 171            | \$15.89     |
| Helpers—Carpenters                          | 265        | 290   | 156            | \$13.94     |
| Sheet Metal Workers                         | 287        | 382   | 154            | \$19.03     |
| Helpers-Brickmasons & Stonemasons           | 211        | 256   | 150            | \$18.64     |
| Helpers—Electricians                        | 211        | 237   | 131            | \$11.73     |
| Cost Estimators                             | 329        | 378   | 122            | \$25.67     |
| Office Clerks, General                      | 297        | 352   | 112            | \$11.14     |
| Excavating and Loading Machine Operators    | 202        | 250   | 108            | \$20.08     |
| Roofers                                     | 253        | 296   | 101            | \$16.75     |
| Construction Managers                       | 270        | 314   | 88             | \$38.26     |
| Brickmasons and Blockmasons                 | 221        | 265   | 85             | \$23.14     |
| Stonemasons                                 | 163        | 213   | 80             | \$13.99     |
| Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers  | 250        | 280   | 77             | \$15.34     |
| Helpers—Plumbers & Pipefitters              | 109        | 124   | 69             | \$13.53     |
| HVAC Mechanics and Installers               | 161        | 206   | 62             | \$18.20     |
| Sales Reps, Wholesale and Manufacturing     | 148        | 159   | 51             | \$19.83     |
| Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers        | 105        | 142   | 46             | \$14.47     |
| Plasterers and Stucco Masons                | 111        | 135   | 45             | \$18.49     |
| Mgrs. of Mechanics, Installers, & Repairers | 117        | 130   | 43             | \$24.11     |
| General and Operations Managers             | 154        | 165   | 37             | \$38.96     |
| Paving Tamping Equipment Operators          | 78         | 98    | 35             | \$20.90     |
| Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers         | 106        | 129   | 33             | NA          |
| Helpers—Painters & Plasterers               | 50         | 57    | 32             | \$10.28     |

*Wage rate reflects the median wage paid by RI employers in May 2003*

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Rhode Island employment is expected to increase by over 50,000 jobs during the 2000-2010 projection period. Employment in 2010 is estimated to reach 553,533; an increase of 50,143 (10.1%) from the 2000 employment level of 503,390.

As employment grows, the demand for new construction and reconstruction jobs will continue to grow resulting in the addition of nearly 3,000 Construction jobs. Employment in RI's construction industry is projected to grow at 15.7 percent, well above the 10.1 percent projected for all industries, and is expected to reach more than 21,000 by 2010.

Substantial job growth is projected for all three industry components, with the greatest number

of jobs occurring among Special Trade Contractors.

In 2000, over 40 percent of all workers in the Construction industry were classified as Construction Laborers; Carpenters; Electricians; Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters; and Construction Supervisors. It is projected that these five occupations will provide nearly 45 percent of the job openings expected during the projection period.

Job Openings result from two major factors: the need to replace workers who leave an occupation because of a job change, retirement, or death, and the need to fill vacancies created by economic expansion.

## Construction's Top Twenty Fastest Growing Jobs

Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers  
Sheet Metal Workers  
Stonemasons  
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor Trailer  
HVAC Mechanics and Installers  
Construction Laborers  
Excavation/Loading Machine Operators  
Helpers-Brick and Blockmasons  
Stonemasons and Tile/Marble Setters  
Brickmasons and Blockmasons  
Office Clerks, General  
Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters  
Electricians  
Roofers  
Construction Managers  
Supervisors of Construction Trades  
Cost Estimators  
Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers

## Rhode Island 2010 Projections

### Employment in Construction

|                               | 2000          | 2010          | Numeric Change | Percent Change | Average Annual Wage |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>Construction, Total</b>    | <b>18,339</b> | <b>21,221</b> | <b>2,882</b>   | <b>15.7%</b>   | <b>\$42,932</b>     |
| General Building Construction | 4,633         | 5,094         | 461            | 10.0%          | \$40,450            |
| Heavy Construction            | 1,429         | 1,661         | 232            | 16.2%          | \$48,491            |
| Special Trade Contractors     | 12,227        | 14,466        | 2,189          | 17.8%          | \$39,854            |

It is projected that during the 2000 – 2010 projection period, employers classified in the Construction industry will need to find workers to fill nearly 6,500 job openings. Forty-Five percent, 2,882 of the job openings are attributed to economic growth the other 55 percent, 3,584 jobs are due to employee turnover. Rhode Island's Construction industry will seek to fill nearly 650 positions each year; 83% will occur among the occupations listed on the following table (see back).